(b) if so, whether any measures were initiated in the country in that direction on that day; and

(c) what are the measures already under implementation to fight drug menace ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A mass publicity campaign to acquaint the public of the harmful effects of drug abuse, penalties for illicit trafficking, arrangements and facilities for de-addiction and rehabilitation and efforts and achievements on the enforcement front had been launched by the Government. Exhibitions, and public meetings besides the organisatoin of seminars were the other measures initiated in this connection.

The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 already provides for deterrent punishments for drug trafficking with a mandatory minimum punishment for a term of 10 years' rigorous imprisonment R.I. and fine of Rs. 1 lakh, extendable to 20 years' R.I. and a fine of Rs. 2 lakhs. The Act has since been amended, inter alia, providing for capital punishment on second conviction in certain cases and forfeiture of property of drug traffickers. The offnces have also been made cognizable and non-bailable. A separate enactment providing for preventive detention of drug traffickers for a maximum period of 2 years in certain cases has also been enforced. The other measures initiated include educative publicity about the harmful effects of drug abuse aimed at dissuading people, from indulgence in drug taking and involvement in drug trade. The Ministry of Welfare have been providing financial assistance to voluntary organisations for setting up of counselling and deaddiction centres.

The matter is also kept under constant watch for appropriate follow-up action.

Clearance of Provident Fund dues of Safai Karamcharis

†2907. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Nav Bharat Times (Delhi) of 6th July, 1989 giving 25 names of Safai Karamcharis who did not receive their Provident Fund dues during the last ten years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to clear the P.F. dues of these 25 persons and others who are suffering ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

मधुबनी, बिहार के स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों को पेंशन

2908. **श्री मौलाना असद मदनी :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि 1 अप्रैल 1989 से 31 जुलाई, 1989 तक की अवधि के दौरान स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों के रूप में मधुबनी, बिहार के कितने लोगों को पेंशन दी गई है, उनके नाम और अन्य ब्यौरे क्या-क्या हैं ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव) : 1-4-1989 से 31-7-1989 तक की अवधि के दौरान जिला मधुबनी बिहार के 119 व्यक्तियों को स्वतंत्रता सेनानी पेंशन प्रदान की गई। इन व्यक्तियों के नाम अनुलग्न में दिए गए हैं । [देखिए परिशिष्ट 151 अनुपत्र संख्या 168] ।

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